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SANITARY LEGISLATION.

STATE LAWS AND REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO PUBLIC HEALTH.

ARKANSAS.

Births and Deaths—Registration of. (Reg. Bd. of H., May 16, 1913.)

Under authority of sections 7 to 10, inclusive, of the act of February 25, 1913, which were published in the Public Health Reports for May 30, 1913, at page 1108, the State Board of Health of Arkansas, on May 16, 1913, adopted rules governing the registration of births and deaths. The act and the rules taken together provide for the standard system of registration which has been adopted in a number of States. (North Carolina, Public Health Reports, Oct. 24, 1913, pp. 2264-2274; New York, Public Health Reports, Dec. 19, 1913, pp. 2796-2805; Tennessee, Public Health Reports, Nov. 14, 1913, pp. 2444-2452.)

The State health officer is made registrar of vital statistics, and he is given authority to appoint and remove local registrars.

The rules provide that the name of the putative father of an illegitimate child "shall not be entered [on the certificate of birth] without his consent, but the other particulars relating to the putative father may be entered if known, otherwise as 'unknown.'"

The following question is added to the certificate of birth: "Were precautions taken against ophthalmia neonatorum? If none, state the reasons therefor."

State Board of Health—Appropriation for. (Act 171, Mar. 13, 1913.)

The following appropriations are for two fiscal years, April, 1913, to March, 1915, inclusive:

Salary of the secretary, State board of health.....	\$3,600
Salary of combined bookkeeper and stenographer.....	2,000
Traveling expenses and per diem of the State board of health.....	1,000
Salary, recording clerk, bureau of vital statistics.....	2,400
Salary, second recording clerk.....	1,440
Postage.....	1,000
Expressage and parcels post.....	1,000
Incidentals, including furniture, filing cases, typewriters.....	2,000
Printing all necessary blanks, forms, bulletins, etc.....	2,500
For mailing cases, containers, culture tubes, and apparatus for examination.....	500
For traveling expenses, secretary, State board of health.....	500
	17,940

FLORIDA.

Communicable Diseases—Notification of Cases of. (Reg. Bd. of H., June 10, 1913.)

Rule 1 of the regulations of the State board of health, adopted February 27 and 28, 1912 (Public Health Reports, Dec. 6, 1912, p. 2031), was amended so as to include tuberculosis and typhoid fever in the list of diseases which are to be reported to the State board of health or its representative by physicians or other persons having charge of patients.